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SUBJECT: VIETNAM REACTION: SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS SEES A
COLLAPSE OF US IMPERIALISM

1. ALTHOUGH ALL MEXICO CITY PRESS HAS BREATHED SIGH OF RELIEF, IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, OVER COLLAPSE OF GRVN AND APPARENT END OF WAR, INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS BY SEMI-OFFICIAL EL NACIONAL IS ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY AS AN INDICATOR OF INTERNAL GOM VIEWPOINT. NACIONAL SEES EVENTS AS FINAL CHAPTER IN THIRTY-YEAR BATTLE OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION -- FIRST THE COLONIAL DOMINATION OF FRENCH, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF UNITED STATES. NOTES THAT IN REFERRING TO THIS "U.S. ADVENTURE -- IN WHICH THREE AND ONE-HALF TIMES MORE BOMBS DROPPED THAN IN WWII AND MORE THAN 140 BILLION DOLLARS SPENT ON ARMS", PRES. FORD "RECOGNIZED" INDOCHINA FAILURE HAD CLOSED A CHAPTER ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

2. CONTINUING, NACIONAL SEES REFLECTED IN VIETNAM AFTERMATH A "DEEP CRISIS IN COLONIAL SYSTEM". BECOMES MORE APPARENT EVERY DAY, SAYS EDITORIALIST, THAT CONFLICTING INTERESTS BETWEEN LDC'S AND INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES CANNOT BE SETTLED BY FORCE OF ARMS BUT
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RATHER ONLY BY COOPERATION. QTE AS ECHEVERRIA SAID

RECENTLY, IN ASSESSING U.S. DEFEAT IN VIETNAM, "THE
WILL TO FIGHT AGAINST DEPENDENCY IS FAR STRONGER THAN
ANY FORCE OF ARMS, EVEN THE MOST MODERN AND EFFECTIVE."
UNQTE.

3. COMMENT: UNFORTUNATELY, GOM AND ITS ORGANS SEEN
TO HAVE TAKEN UP THE LINE THAT, IN THE END, VIETNAM
WAR WAS NO MORE THAN A REAR-GUARD ACTION BY A DECLINING
U.S. IMPERIALISM SEEKING TO FRUSTRATE LDC DEVELOPMENT.
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